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**Re: New Cassel/Hicksville Ground Water Contamination
Superfund Site Proposed Plan**

Dear Ms. LaPoma and Ms. Kivowitz:

IMC Eastern Corp and Island Transportation Corporation are willing to continue negotiating the CD and SOWs for the OU-1 PDI and RD and the OU-3 RI/FS (as amended) in good faith with the understanding that IMC and ITC cannot do so without meaningful participation from all the identified plume groups, including the upgradient parties. In the absence of such participation, IMC and ITC are willing to discuss an appropriate scope of work commensurate with IMC's and ITC's respective alleged individual responsibility and ability to pay.

We look forward to speaking with you further.

Respectfully submitted,

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